

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph [0040] starting at page 7 with the following amended paragraph:

[0040] The 3-step channel estimation technique is described in further detail in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/340,130 [~~Attorney Docket No. PD020718~~], entitled “Channel Estimation for OFDM Communication Systems,” filed January 10, 2003 ~~October 29, 2002~~, now U.S. Patent No. 7,039,001. The reduced complexity channel estimation techniques described herein may also be used in conjunction with pilot transmission schemes described in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/340,507 [~~Attorney Docket No. PD020656~~], entitled “Uplink Pilot and Signaling Transmission in Wireless Communication Systems,” filed January 10, 2003 ~~October 29, 2002~~, now U.S. Patent No. 6,928,062. Both of these patent applications are assigned to the assignee of the present application and incorporated herein by reference.